Orissa has the highest infant mortality rate which is 123 per thousand live births.

Since SRS does not provide district level estimates of infant mortality, the latest available information on this aspect relates to 1981 according to which the District Etah had highest infant mortality rate in U.P. which was 170 per thousand live births.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have been implementing several programmes for bringing down infant and maternal mortality rate in the country. The major initiatives/programmes include:

I. Universal Immunization Programme: to protect infants against poliomyelitis, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping cough, Tuberculosis and Measles and pregnant women against tetanus.

II. Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme: for controlling deaths due to dehydration caused by diarrhoea among children upto the age of 5 years.

III. Prophylaxis Schemes against nutritional anaemia among mothers and children and prophylaxis against blindness among children due to vitamin 'A' deficiency.

Primary Health Sub-Centres

7. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Primary Health Sub-Centre is established for a population of 5000 in rural areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many villages with a population of more than 5000 have not yet been provided with such Sub-Centres in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, what are the details of such villages and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to establish Health Sub-Centres in remaining villages of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. One Sub-centre for 5000 Population in normal areas and one sub-centre for 3000 population in tribal areas.

(b) Selection of place for establishment of Sub-Centre is the responsibility of the State Government. These are being set up based on the 7th Plan population. As per information avaiable for 10316.900 Rural projected population for 1990 in Uttar Praedsh, 20632 Sub-centres are required on the basis of one Sub-Centre for 5000 population. Against this 21653 sub-centres have been established as on 1-4-90.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

LPG Units in Assam

8. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more LPG units in Assam;

(b) what is the present position of the proposed scheme for supplying gas through pipeline to the Sonari town of Assam; and

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be operative?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There are some proposals to set up LPG manufacturing facilities in Assam by Public Sector Companies.

(b) While no such request appears to be pending with the Government for supply of gas to the Sonari town, supplies are being made by the Assam Gas Company to tea estates through the Sonari Tea Gas Grid.